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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

It is respectfully requested that the period for reply to the May 28, 2002 Final Office Action be extended two (2) months, *i.e.*, to up to and including October 28, 2002. A check for \$200 for a small entity is enclosed. In the event any other fee is occasioned by this paper, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee, or credit any overpayment in such fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

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AMENDMENT

Kindly amend the application, without prejudice as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly amend claim 1, without prejudice, to read as follows:

1. (Amended Twice) A flat self-adhering plaster having a multi-layer construction and reduced cold flow, comprised of a layer of adhesive which attaches to skin having a core of adhesive which is rendered flowable by a plasticizing additive, and a ring of adhesive free of a plasticizing additive, wherein said ring has a reduced flowability to that of said core, and wherein said ring surrounds said core.

Kindly add new claims 9 and 10, without prejudice, as follows:

- 9. The plaster according to claim 1, wherein the plasticizing additive is selected from the group consisting of pharmaceutical agents, cosmetic active agents, resins and plasticizers.